

## OWEN, THOMAS (1748 - 1812), cleric and translator

**Name:** Thomas Owen  
**Date of birth:** 1748  
**Date of death:** 1812  
**Parent:** Margaret Owen  
**Parent:** Thomas Owen  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** cleric and translator  
**Area of activity:** Religion; Scholarship and Languages  
**Author:** Hywel David Emanuel

christened 3 September 1748, the son of Thomas and Margaret Owen of Rhiwlas, in the village of Pentraeth, Anglesey. On 20 March 1767 he matriculated from Jesus College, Oxford, graduating B.A. in 1770. Early in 1771 he describes himself as 'deputy' to the librarian of the Bodleian Library. Owen was ordained deacon at the Trinity ordination, 1771, by the bishop of Oxford by letters dimissory from the bishop of Bangor with a title to the curacy of Llanddeusant, Anglesey. He proceeded to the degree of M.A. from Queen's College, Oxford, in 1773. In 1779 he was presented to the rectory of Upton Scudamore, Wiltshire, and continued to hold this living till his death in Anglesey in May 1812. Owen translated the following three works into English : *Three Books of M. Terentius Varro concerning Agriculture*, 1800; *Agricultural Pursuits, translated from the Greek*, 1805-6; *Fourteen Books of Palladius on Agriculture*, 1807.

### Author

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